

CROWD ELUDED BY THE SHERIFF

He Takes No Chance While in Charge of Alleged Murderers.

THEIR TRIAL POSTPONED

Likely That Special Term Will Be Called by Judge Hundley.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
POWELL, VA., February 25.—On the arrival of the 11:30 o'clock train from Farmville this morning, on which Sheriff E. A. Baugh and Deputy Paul Michaux brought the alleged murderers of Mrs. Mary E. Skidmore and Walter G. Johnson, who have been confined in the Richmond jail since February 15, Sheriff Baugh displayed his official authority. Great crowds had assembled at the station awaiting the arrival of the train, but in an abundance of precaution Sheriff Baugh had the train stopped at Davis' Crossing, which is at the foot of the West End street leading from the courthouse, and the prisoners were led directly to the court building. When the train came to the depot the crowd was disappointed, owing to the nonappearance of the prisoners. When it was learned that the prisoners were already at the courthouse there was a rush for that building.

As soon as all the prisoners were in their places Judge Hundley, from the bench, inquired of them if they had procured counsel. It appearing from their answers that all except Isham Taylor were without counsel, the court suggested to them that they make the necessary arrangement, as there were lawyers present.

Lawyers Offer Services.

One or two of the prisoners started towards Haskins Hobson and W. M. Justice, Jr., who were present in court, with the apparent purpose of engaging them. Before this was done, however, Mr. Justice arose, and after stating to the court that the present situation was a most embarrassing one to himself, as a report had gained circulation that he had requested the court to appoint a fund to employ him, which he emphatically denied, said that Mr. Hobson and himself constituted the entire bar of the county, with the exception of the attorney for the Commonwealth, and that he, knowing as they did that the prisoners were practically without means to employ counsel, and that the court would designate one or the other of them to defend the prisoners, and that they did not feel that their duty would permit them to evade this, they had determined to say to the court that if it saw fit to appoint them to defend the prisoners, they would undertake their defense.

Mr. Hobson stated to the court that he and Mr. Justice had agreed that they would be unfair to either to have to defend the whole of the defense of the prisoners, and that therefore they thought it best to undertake it together; that they did not appear as voluntary counsel, but knowing that some of the prisoners desired them, and that the others would be without the means to employ counsel, so that the defense would necessarily devolve upon them, they simply offered at once to perform the services which the court would be under necessity of requiring of them. The court thanked Messrs. Hobson and Justice for agreeing to render their services without the court's request, and accepted Messrs. Hobson's and Justice's offer.

Cases Continued.

Attorney Bonifat was asked if he was ready for trial and he asked for a continuance of the trial until the next term of court or until he could make necessary preparations and ask for a special term. The court said that the prisoners were entitled to a speedy trial after a reasonable length of time, which means that a special term will be asked for in the near future.

Attorney Bonifat asked the court to commit four of the alleged murderers to the Farmville jail. The four are Joe and Isham Taylor, who have been confined in the Richmond jail, and Lewis Jenkins and Robert Taylor, alias Robert Johnson. The others were sent back to the county jail. John Anderson, the only one against whom a true bill was not found, was also returned to jail for default in securing bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance here as a witness on the day of trial.

The court asked W. T. Rudd, a member of the board of supervisors, about the condition of the jail. Mr. Rudd said that the State inspector was ex-



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pected here, and as soon as he visited the county jail would be put in thorough condition. Jailer L. O. Davis was authorized to have the jail well guarded until the trial. The court then adjourned for this term.

Sheriff Baugh left at 3:30 o'clock, en route to Farmville with the four alleged murderers.

Subscriptions are being taken by disinterested persons to employ Attorney L. O. Wendenburg, of Richmond, to assist in the prosecution. Judge Hundley left this evening for his home in Farmville.

REVERSES HIS DECISION.

Judge Staples Permits Filing of Additional Names.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, VA., February 25.—In the contest over the local option election to-day Judge Staples reversed his decision of yesterday in regard to adding the additional list of twenty-two names to the list of twenty-five already filed in evidence of illegal voting, and permitted them to go in. This is favorable to the "wets."

City Treasurer Davis testified that he did not furnish to the clerk of the court a list of persons who had paid poll taxes for 1905, 1906 and 1907. The remainder of the day was taken up with the examination of voters.

Organize for Road Work.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BLACKSTONE, VA., February 25.—In furtherance of the movement now on foot in the State to improve the public roads, a large meeting is planned for to-day, Thursday, March 4, at the courthouse, for the purpose of thoroughly organizing this, Nottingham, county. Prominent speakers will address the meeting, including Hon. Charles T. Lassiter, of Petersburg, first vice-president of the Virginia Good Roads Association. A thorough organization of the county is intended, and to this end a strong effort is being made to bring out as large a gathering as possible.

New Telephone Companies.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WAKEFIELD, VA., February 25.—An enthusiastic mass meeting of the citizens of Wakefield was held at the Bank of Sussex and Surry to-day. As a result of the meeting a corporation, to be known as the People's Telephone Company, of Wakefield, was formed. A charter to incorporate the company has been applied for. The following officers were elected: J. A. Brittle, president; A. W. Holt, vice-president; N. B. Pond, secretary and treasurer; directors—W. J. Pond, J. A. Brittle, W. S. Stephenson, L. B. Faison, A. W. Holt, N. B. Pond, J. T. Hargrave, W. E. Whitmore. Capital stock, \$1,000.

Jury Changes Its Mind.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, VA., February 25.—Having brought in a verdict Sunday that Andrew Hicks, colored, was killed by a Seaboard Air Line train at Branchville, Southampton county, a coroner's jury last evening changed its mind, and said that Hicks was killed with a weapon in the hands of an unknown person and thrown upon the tracks. Suspicion of foul play was followed by newly discovered evidence.

FAMOUS ENGLISH BEAUTY



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News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau.
169 North Spotswood Street,
Petersburg, Va., February 25.

The case of W. B. Roebuck, white, indicted on the charge of passing fraudulent checks on two citizens of Petersburg, about eighteen months ago, was called in the Hustings Court this morning, Harry M. Smith, of Richmond, appearing as his counsel. A conference between his counsel and the Commonwealth's Attorney resulted in an agreement, which was approved by the court, that the case should be sent down to the Police Court, where the accused should plead guilty to the charge of petit larceny and take a sentence of six months' imprisonment in the city jail without labor. This will be done to-morrow morning. Roebuck has just ended a twelve-months' term in jail in Richmond.

A New Move in the Tartie Case.

A new and interesting move in the Harrison Street (negro) Baptist Church case was made this morning. Notice of a chancery suit, brought by 205 male members of the church on behalf of themselves and others sympathizing with them, was filed in the Hustings Court. The suit is against Eli Tartie, the pastor of the church, and his adherents, and its object is to secure the rights of the plaintiffs, under the constitution of the church and in accordance with Baptist usage, of which they claim to have been deprived by the defendants.

The plaintiffs claim to be a majority of the male members of the church, and their bill to be filed will pray for an injunction to restrain Tartie and his adherents from interfering with them in the control of the church and its affairs. It is understood that the firm of Smith, Moncre and Gordon, of Richmond, will represent the plaintiffs in this suit.

In various phases the Harrison Street Church troubles have been aired in the courts of the city at different times for several years. Civil proceedings have been instituted and criminal charges involving Pastor Tartie and members friendly and opposed to him. Every effort to reconcile the differences between these factions has failed, and between these factions have twice apart now as they are just about to meet in court. Tartie has twice been sentenced to jail imprisonment. On his trial at the last term of the Hustings Court for inciting riot the jury gave him a sentence of twelve months in jail. His counsel moved to set aside this verdict contrary to the law and evidence, and the court has this motion under consideration. A decision is expected some time during the present term, and is awaited with a great interest in the hands of the other States.

Two Old Residents Dead.
Captain S. B. Alley, after a long period of declining health, died about 2:40 o'clock this morning at his residence on North Main Street. He was a man of high character, of genial manners and of Christian consistency, and was greatly respected in the community and wherever he was known. He was for many years engaged in the lumber business, and his business, frequently called was sixty-three years old. Captain Alley was survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. J. T. Jacobs, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. T. Turnley, of Thomasville, N. C.; Mrs. P. S. Vann, of Lexington, N. C.; Mrs. J. A. Landrum, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. L. E. Skinner, of Albemarle, N. C.; F. D. Alley, of Florida, and Eugene Alley, of Petersburg. He also leaves one brother, John Alley, and one sister, Mrs. Robert Harris, both of Waverly, Va., and a large number of grandchildren. The funeral will be from the First Baptist Church to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Catherine Stewart, aged seventy years, whose illness has been mentioned, died last night at the home of her son, Police Officer James M. Stewart, on Commerce Street.

Deceased was a woman of many fine traits of character, and for many years was a consistent member of High Street M. E. Church, from which her funeral will take place.

General News.
John R. Jones has been awarded the contract for carrying the mails between the post-office and the several railroad depots in this city for the year beginning July 1.

Union revival meetings are being held this week under the auspices of the colored Baptist churches of the city. Evangelist S. L. Johnson preaches every night.

This evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the bride, on Shepard street, Miss Bertha Lou Rains was married to William Jasper Johnson, Rev. A. R. Love of West End Baptist Church, officiating.

Next Sunday will be anniversary day at Wesley M. E. Church, and the occasion will be appropriately observed. Bishop Randolph preached at St. John's Episcopal Church last night and confirmed a class of eleven candidates—seven females and four males.

A delightful entertainment was given to-night in Washington Street M. E. Church, for the benefit of the building fund. Miss Daisy Powell Wilson and Miss R. Jones, of this city, and Miss Whitliff and Reginald Walk-

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SWIFT JUSTICE GIVEN TO NEGRO

He Is Sentenced to Death for Crime Committed Last Wednesday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PULASKI, VA., February 25.—Swift justice was meted out to Howard Tolter, the negro, who was tried in the Circuit Court here this morning for criminal assault on Ollie Lee Morrison, a negro girl, nine years old, on last Wednesday. The negro assaulted the child and was captured by the sheriff about four miles from here, where the crime was committed, and hurried to Pulaski, where Judge Massie was holding his regular term of court.

A special grand jury was empaneled and the prisoner indicted on the same day. The case was set for to-day, and Attorneys H. C. Gilmer and F. W. Morton were appointed by the court to defend the negro.

When the case was called this morning the courtroom was packed with people curious to hear the evidence. Commonwealth's Attorney John S. Draper put on a few witnesses for the State and made out such a strong case that the negro, when put on the stand, confessed to the whole truth, giving full details of the crime, and asked for mercy.

The jury was out for only a few minutes and returned with a verdict of "guilty." Judge Massie then sentenced the prisoner to be electrocuted on April 9.

TEACHER ATTACKED.

Prof. Saunders Has Warrant Issued for His Assault.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., February 25.—On a warrant sworn out by Principal Joseph H. Saunders, of the Omondou Grammar School, J. M. Commonwealth was arrested to-day on the charge of assaulting the teacher at the school building last Friday. The trouble occurred about 12 o'clock, when Saunders whipped Carter Commander for an act of truancy. The father resented the act of the teacher, striking Prof. Saunders on the head. The matter was reported to the school board, and under its instructions Mr. Saunders was arrested. The difficulty was witnessed by several of the teachers of the school.

APPEAL IS TAKEN.

Owners of Trenton Will Take Case to Higher Court.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 25.—Judge Edmund Waddill yesterday afternoon heard testimony in the case of the Commonwealth vs. the Trenton Railway Corporation and D. C. Carpenter, both of Norfolk, against the steamer "Trenton." The suit was brought by the corporation, with interest from August 1, 1908, for repairs, and the suit of the latter was for \$17,750, with interest from August 1, 1908, for furniture. Judge Waddill ruled that the Baltimore Fidelity Trust Company, the defendants, were liable for the loss, and that they would have to pay it. The attorney for the boat sued an appeal and was granted ten days in which to file the same.

NEGROES RUN DOWN.

Bloodhounds Capture Alleged Robbers of Stores.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, VA., February 25.—Caught with burglary before the stores of J. G. Holland and the Holland Shoe and Clothing Company, at Holland last night, two negroes, to-day were run down by bloodhounds after a chase of several hours. The men were caught in the woods at a substation, where they were held for a short time. The stores were forced to have been stolen from a blacksmith shop.

Lodge Is Organized.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHATEAU, VA., February 25.—The Broslov Council, No. 51, United Order of United American Mechanics, was organized at Broslov, Pittsylvania county, with a charter membership of twenty-eight. The installation was conducted by State Council Conductor R. M. Fox, of Danville, assisted by several members of the three councils of that city. The officers for the ensuing half-year are: Counselor, O. E. Moore; Vice-Counselor, T. J. Barber; Recording Secretary, J. D. Estes; J. Assistant Recording Secretary, G. H. Earle; Financial Secretary, J. W. Burton; Treasurer, D. A. Still; Conductor, S. C. Dalton; Warden, A. V. Hudson; Inside Sentinel, H. Oakes; Outside Sentinel, S. H. Shumate; J. I. Overby; Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. Trustees, A. V. Hudson, Harry Long and R. L. Miller.

Farmers in Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., February 25.—The Frederick County Farmer's Institute began a two-day session here to-day. The Auditorium where the meetings are being held, was thronged with farmers and their friends. Addresses were made by M. M. Lynch, C. M. Gibbons, of Winchester; C. E. Cleverger, L. A. Hugett and P. H. Golder, of Frederick; J. M. Johnson, of Professor, W. E. Atwood, of Blacksburg. Music was furnished by the glee club of Eastern College, Front Royal.

Bar tender Is Shot.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., February 25.—E. C. Goblet, of this city, a bartender for "Happy" Patty at this place, was shot just above the left ankle in Patterson's saloon early to-night by Blaine Simmons, who was drunk. The wound is not regarded as serious. Both men are white. Simmons is now in the town jail awaiting trial.

Quarters in Alexandria.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 25.—The committee of the Virginia State Fair will participate in the inauguration ceremonies in Washington will be quartered in Quincy Hall in this city.

CASE CONTINUED TILL NEXT TERM

Arguments Concluded, but Court Will Take Time in Rendering Decision.

CONTEST OF WETS AND DRYS

Saloons Must Close Doors

Thursday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 25.—The arguments in the contest over the local option election here were concluded at 12:30 o'clock to-day, when Randolph Harrison, of counsel for the contestants, completed his argument of nearly two and a half hours' duration.

Judge Christian stated, after hearing Mr. Harrison, that he did not want to hand down a decision in the matter without mature reflection, and for this reason he would continue the case until the March term of the court. He gave his decision, unless the Supreme Court of appeals of the State should have rendered a decision in the Fredericksburg case in the interim.

Mr. Harrison addressed himself during his remarks principally to the constitutionality of the Ward law, and replying to arguments advanced yesterday by Mr. Caskey and Judge Philgar.

Unlike Roanoke Case.
Unlike the contest in Roanoke, the contest here has been purely a matter of the constitutionality of the Ward law, which prescribed the electorate for the election and the constitutional right of the residents of the annexed district to vote. No question was ever raised as to the manner in which the voting was held, and never once has there been a question as to the accuracy of the return of the judges of the several polling places; as to the correctness of the registration books, or the list of voters having paid their poll taxes, this list apparently being correct in every detail.

The questioning of the election under the Ward law is similar to the Fredericksburg case, which is now pending before the Supreme Court. Appeals of the State, and which will be argued during the March term of that tribunal.

As to the voters in the new portions of the city, the attorneys for the contestants claim that qualified voters are those who have lived in the city in which they offer to vote twelve months prior to the election.

Answering this, the contestants maintain that these voters have been residents of the territorial area of the city for twelve months, and, therefore, possessed the right to participate in the local option election, though they had only been actual residents of the city for a trifle over eleven months.

Both sides were able to argue the attorneys, Messrs. J. Tinsley Coleman and Randolph Harrison, of this city, for the "wets," or contestants, and George F. Caskey, of Lynchburg, and J. M. Commonwealth, of Christiansburg, for the "drys," or the "wets."

The election was held on December 1, resulting in a victory of 191 against license, and unless there is an order of court in the interim to stop the operation of the Ward law, there will be nothing left for the thirty-three saloons, two clubs, three beer agencies and several wholesale houses to do but to close down on Thursday of the coming week.

Condition Grows Worse.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MONTGOMERY, VA., February 25.—A telegram from Regester, Md., received here, stated that Hon. S. W. Sterrett, who went there a month ago to consult a specialist, was much worse.

Mr. Sterrett is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from this district, and is popular, not only as a representative, but as a citizen. Mrs. Sterrett accompanied him to Hagerstown.

Makes Assignment.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., February 25.—D. R. Eskey, a stove and range dealer and lightning-rod contractor, made an assignment here to-day. James P. Reardon was made trustee, and the liabilities are estimated at \$16,000, with assets about the same. Mr. Eskey employed a number of men and did an extensive business in the Valley. Inability to make collections is said to have been the cause of the assignment.

Residence Burns.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., February 25.—The large brick dwelling of John T. Hott, recent candidate for the Legislature, situated near White Hall, this county, was destroyed by fire to-day, with a loss of several thousand dollars.

Will Have Handsome Building.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO, N. C., February 25.—Plans have been prepared for the new Sunday-school building which the members of the West Market Street Methodist Church propose to erect on Library

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Gentlemen: Thank you. I thank you time and again each day for publishing the prescription of the great specialist on stomach disorders. We, in our family, are great pie and cake eaters, and naturally we are, or have been, "all dyspeptic," more or less. My family consists of a husband, two daughters and a son. Scarcely a day passed but some of us were ill with headache, stomach distress after eating, indigestion, irritability, etc., and I frequently with heart trouble, due to wind and gas on stomach. From a family of illness we have been changed to a "family of pinkies," as we are all in the pink of health and eat more than ever. We got the prescription filled several times, and I want to give this simple formula: Get two ounces syrup of ginger, two ounces essence of peppermint and one ounce compound of cayenne and take one or two teaspoonfuls after each meal. One before eating will excite a good appetite. This will digest anything we eat, and gives strength and health. Hoping this will be published and do much good, I am, Respectfully,
MRS. A. K. MCP.

Place as an addition to that church, the Sunday-school having outgrown its present quarters. The new building is to be three stories high, with dining-room and kitchen on the basement floor, the main auditorium on the second floor and the recitation rooms on the third floor. The building will cost approximately \$28,000.

MAY ESTABLISH ORPHANAGE.

Juniors of North Carolina Inaugurate Such Movement.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., February 25.—The State Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, which has been in session here since Tuesday, adjourned at noon to-day, after unanimously selecting Greenleaf as the next meeting place. Many private matters of importance to the order were brought up and disposed of to-day, among which was an attempt to establish an orphanage in this State, which matter was referred to a committee, which will make it up with individual councils throughout the State, in view of amending the constitution, if it is desired.

Struck by Fellow-Student.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DURHAM, N. C., February 25.—At the Angier Duke Gymnasium, Trinity College, last yesterday afternoon, there was an affray, which proved serious. W. B. Kiker was struck over the head with an Indian club in the hands of Robert Hudson, a high school student. Kiker was carried to the Watts Hospital, where he is now. The dispute was over a game of basketball that was being played, and it lead to blows.

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